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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to commit grave breaches of international humanitarian law, including acts constituting war crimes and State terrorism, against the Palestinian civilian population under its belligerent foreign occupation. The escalation of military attacks and excessive and indiscriminate use of force by the Israeli occupying forces against civilians, particularly in the Gaza Strip, has been the cause of an ever-rising toll off bloodshed, death and injury suffered by the Palestinian people at the hands of their occupier.

Today, 13 June 2006, the Israeli occupying forces launched yet another targeted, deliberate air strike against a vehicle travelling in the densely populated Zeitoun neighbourhood in central Gaza City. The occupying forces launched several missiles, striking the vehicle as well as a nearby home, which resulted in the killing of at least nine Palestinians. Among the civilians killed were a father and his young son and another child from the same family, the Al-Mughrabi family, in addition to three Palestinian medical personnel who had rushed to the area to tend to the casualties after the first missile struck. More than 40 other civilians were also wounded in that attack, including children who were playing inside and near the home at the time of the attack. Several of the wounded are reported by Gaza hospitals to be in critical condition and there is fear that the death toll from this deadly Israeli attack may still rise.

In addition to the brutal killings committed today by the occupying forces, on Sunday, 11 June, another targeted air strike was launched against an area in Beit Lahiya, near the Jabaliya refugee camp, in which two Palestinian men were killed and three others were wounded. At the same time, the occupying Power has resumed its sonic boom attacks over the Gaza Strip, causing widespread fear and terror among the Palestinian people, especially children, and causing damage to property. Moreover, Israeli officials, including the Defence Minister, who, in response to the international outcry regarding the killing of civilians, has stated that Israel will not

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exercise restraint, continue to make inflammatory statements of incitement, indicating that these kinds of military attacks and acts of State terrorism against Palestinian civilians will not only continue but will intensify, further inflaming the cycle of violence and further jeopardizing any Palestinian efforts to achieve calm.

The international community must continue to strongly condemn Israel's escalation of extrajudicial killings and deliberate and indiscriminate military attacks against civilian areas and, furthermore, the international community must take immediate action to bring a halt to these grave human rights violations and crimes against the Palestinian people. In this regard, I believe it is imperative to recall the relevant provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949, and thus the obligation of the High Contracting Parties to ensure the protection of the civilian population under Israel's occupation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. It is in this vein that on Sunday, 11 June 2006, five Israeli organizations, including the main human rights organization, B'tselem, called upon the Israeli government to cease its killing of Palestinian civilians. It is time now for the international community as a whole, including the Security Council, to shoulder its responsibilities in this regard to bring an end to these violations, to the ongoing suffering of the Palestinian civilian population under Israeli occupation and to the continuing deterioration of the situation on the ground, which poses a serious threat to regional stability.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 245 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 9 June 2006 (A/ES-10/337-S/2006/378), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, I regret to inform you that since my last letter to you four days ago, at least 13 more Palestinian civilians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,914. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*

(Saturday, 10 June 2006, to Tuesday, 13 June 2006)

Saturday, 10 June 2006

Omar Youssef Jouneid

Sunday, 11 June 2006

1. Mohammad Bakr Al-Massri
2. Salem Al-Rabica
3. Amma Shihab

Tuesday, 13 June 2006

1. Adnan Taleb
2. Hossam Hamad
3. Ali Alamri
4. Moussa Nassrallah
5. Ashraf Al-Moghrabi
6. Hisham Ashraf Al-Moghrabi (13 years old)
7. Mahir Moghrabi (child)
8. Hammouda Al-Wadiyya
9. Shawqi Al-Siqali

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,914.

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to carry out targeted military attacks against densely populated civilian areas in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, murdering innocent and defenceless Palestinian civilians, including children, in grave breach of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, compounding the long and growing list of war crimes it has been committing against the Palestinian people under its occupation since 1967.

On 20 June 2006, the Israeli occupying forces launched another deadly air strike against a civilian area in the Gaza Strip, causing an explosion on a narrow street in the Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood of Gaza City and killing three children who were playing outside their home. Two of the children killed were only 5 years old, Mohammed Jamal Al-Rouka and Nadia Al-Sharif, and a 16-year-old boy, Bilal Al-Hassi, was also killed by the missiles launched from Israeli fighter jets deliberately targeting a car travelling on that street. More than 14 other Palestinians were wounded in the attack, including seven children, many of whom remain in critical condition.

The consecutive military attacks carried out by the Israeli occupying forces against Palestinian civilians in recent weeks are a stark reminder that there is absolutely nowhere for Palestinian children and their families to be safe in the Occupied Palestinian Territory — not inside their homes, not while playing together outside their homes, not on the beach, not in their schools, not in their markets, not in their streets, nowhere — from the wrath and brutality of the occupying Power. Since the beginning of the month of June, at least 49 civilians, including eight children, have been killed as a result of the excessive and indiscriminate use of force by the occupying Power, which continues to carry out targeted assassinations and rain missiles down on the civilian population in a barrage of military raids. The reality is that Palestinian families — civilians who under international law are

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entitled to protection — are living under Israel's occupation in constant terror and fear of the next attack that will claim yet another innocent life and cause even more suffering, loss and hardship.

The situation in the Gaza Strip has been particularly severe, with repeated violent military assaults claiming the lives of civilians almost daily. These horrific events also serve to remind us that the so-called Israeli disengagement from Gaza in no way ended the occupation of this impoverished and densely populated part of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, which remains under Israeli siege and attack. Currently, there are rising fears that the situation in Gaza will deteriorate even further as reports are circulating regarding the possibility of a massive Israeli military incursion into Gaza. The withdrawal of international monitors from the Rafah border today has intensified the fear that such an incursion will in fact soon be carried out.

The international community, including the Security Council, must not allow this situation to continue and to further spiral downward. Serious action must be taken to bring a halt to Israel's violations and crimes against the Palestinian civilian population under its occupation, including measures to provide them with the necessary protection. The High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention are bound by the legal obligations they have undertaken to respect and ensure respect of the Convention in all circumstances and should not continue to allow such grave breaches to continue to be committed by Israel with flagrant impunity.

In this regard, it is our firm belief that had serious action been taken by the international community in the immediate aftermath of recent Israeli attacks, including the attack of 9 June that killed Palestinian civilians — 10 members of the same family — on a beach in Beit Lahiya in the Gaza Strip, perhaps a different message would have been sent to the occupying Power that could have helped to avert the continuation of the series of lethal military attacks. At the very least, an official, impartial investigation, as requested by several groups, into the 9 June beach attack should be undertaken, which would convey a strong message to Israel that it will be held accountable for its violations of international law and that it is expected to scrupulously comply with its obligations under international law, including as an occupying Power under international humanitarian law. In light of the continuing attacks and continuing deterioration of the situation on the ground, we reiterate our call upon the international community to undertake the necessary measures to redress this grave situation.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 246 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 13 June 2006 (A/ES-10/338-S/2006/388), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my deep regret to inform you that since my last letter to you at least 12 more Palestinian civilians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total

number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,926. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Tuesday, 13 June 2006, to Wednesday, 21 June 2006)

Tuesday, 13 June 2006

1. Ibrahim Al-Dala'Lace
2. Rafeeq Al-Mobayyid

Wednesday, 14 June 2006

Mohammad Subhi Baragheesh

Thursday, 15 June 2006

1. Mohammad Tanjarah
2. Salem Abu Zubaidah

Friday, 16 June 2006

1. Habeeb Ashour
2. Emad Yasseen

Tuesday, 20 June 2006

1. Nadia Mahmoud Al-Sharif (5 years old)
2. Mohammed Jamal Al-Rouka (5 years old)
3. Bilal Al-Hassi (16 years old)

Wednesday, 21 June 2006

1. Majdi Mabrouka
2. Daoud Al-Katouni

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,926.